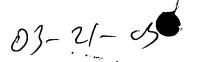


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Sir:

Further to the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the period for response to the outstanding office action be extended two months until

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PTO Form-2038 is enclosed herewith authorizing that the appropriate fee be charged to the American Express credit card account # 3727-125685-62029 of the undersigned attorney. Should any further extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit account # 02-2275.

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